

Introduced by Senator Price

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Senate Resolution No. 31—Relative to Africa Day 2012.

1 WHEREAS, On May, 25, 1963 the Organization of African
2 Union was founded to promote the unity and solidarity of the
3 African nation states to act as a collective voice for the African
4 continent. Today, the African Union continues the journey to secure
5 Africa’s long-term cultural, economic, and political future; and
6 WHEREAS, The African Cultural Foundation, California Black
7 Agriculture Working Group, and community supporters join global
8 celebrations of Africa Day to celebrate the African Diaspora with
9 leaders from all over the world who meet in Stanton, Johannesburg,
10 South Africa where African Presidents, Presidents from Caribbean
11 nations, as well as Presidents from South America will attend the
12 first ever extraordinary Global African Diaspora Summit, African
13 Day 2012; and
14 WHEREAS, The California Black Agriculture Working Group
15 is focused on expanding California African Trade and Commerce
16 to grow job creation and career development while expanding
17 healthy solutions of local food system production by people of
18 African ancestry to the “California Grown” brand both within the
19 urban service boundary and rural California; and
20 WHEREAS, California political, business, and community
21 leaders are invited to build a solid foundation for reviving market
22 based diverse African specialty crops with higher nutritional value
23 that targets diet related disease with epidemic health care costs
24 throughout California and beyond; and
25 WHEREAS, Africa Day 2012, celebrating the African Diaspora,
26 seeks to grow a commitment by California toward structured

1 relationships between Africa to define key goals and identify
2 specific projects to which collective African efforts, governmental
3 and non-governmental, will be directed. Together we can chart a
4 way forward in institutionalizing processes of African cooperation,
5 dialog, planning, and implementation of strategies and projects;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, The Africa USA International Chamber of
8 Commerce, African Culture Foundation, and California Black
9 Agriculture Working Group join in the building and commitment
10 to the development of a formal California – African Union
11 partnership; and

12 WHEREAS, In collaboration with the African Union and the
13 Global African Diaspora Summit we will consolidate a historic
14 vision and will build the framework for effective implementation
15 and celebrate African Day, May 25, 2012; now, therefore, be it

16 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California*, That the Senate
17 recognizes Friday, May 25, 2012 as Africa Day 2012 to celebrate
18 the African Diaspora and to reinforce our economic relationship
19 with the continent of Africa; and be it further

20 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
21 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.